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PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS: ALLEY GATES

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek authority to include an alley gate scheme at Bradley View, Nelson as a variation to the current Alley Gate Public Spaces Protection Order.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee considers a request from residents at Bradley View, Nelson to include an alley gate scheme for the front street in the current Alley Gate Public Spaces Protection Order.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

To address the concerns of local residents that without alley gates in place the front street will continue to attract anti-social behaviour.

ISSUE

1. At its 9th January, 2017 meeting the Committee agreed a Public Spaces Protection Order for the existing alley gate schemes in Nelson. The Order was made on 23rd October, 2018.
2. The last two years have seen an increasing degree of anti-social behaviour in the front street of Bradley View. Residents are regularly affected by direct and indirect nuisance, intimidation and abuse. The front street is only a footpath and is isolated due to the terrace being situated between the "Tall Buildings" and Throstle Mill.
3. Residents have requested the installation of alley gates at either end of the footpath to prevent access and through pedestrian traffic. The request is supported by the Neighbourhood Police Team who have worked with Nelson Town Councillors for the Bradley Ward to obtain funding to do the work. Funding has been agreed with Lanpac (£1000); Nelson Town Council (£1000) and Bradley Big Local (£500). There will be no cost to this Committee.

4. With a PSPO already in place the scheme can be added as a variation which will include the alternative pedestrian routes via Leeds Road or the back street between Leeds Road and Bradley View.
5. Consultation with the owners of the properties in Bradley View, in particular those at either end where fencing will be needed on end walls, is underway.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: The legislation and its use reinforces the continuing role of the Council in responding to anti-social behaviour and helping to create and sustain resilient communities.

Financial: Funding has been agreed with Lanpac (£1000); Nelson Town Council (£1000) and Bradley Big Local (£500).

Legal: The Council has the lead role on the use of PSPO's. Members of the public have a right of appeal on the basis the Council did not have the power to make the order or to include particular prohibitions or requirements or that one or more of the preliminaries has not been complied with (e.g., consultation). Appeals are heard in the High Court.

Risk Management: The legislation supports those elements of the Risk Management Plan relating to community safety, environmental crime and environmental protection.

Health and Safety: Direct intervention in the enforcement of breaches poses a risk for the staff involved which is mitigated through the Council's risk assessments, lone working policy, use of the Volcano database and working in partnership with other agencies.

Sustainability: The legislation supports those elements of the Sustainable Communities Strategy relating to community safety; environmental crime and environmental protection.

Community Safety: The legislation re-enforces the continuing role of the Community Safety Partnership, the Partnership Plan and local delivery on community safety within an area and county based strategic landscape.

Equality and Diversity: The legislation was subject to a detailed government impact assessment.